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SUMMARY: GERMAN, FRENCH, AND U.S. AMBASSADORS MADE PRESENTATION ON NAMIBIA TO PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, WHO DEPARTS LATER THIS WEEK FOR OAU SUMMIT LIBREVILLE. HIS REACTION WAS SYMPATHETIC BUT DUBIOUS. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO PRESENT NAMIBIA DEMARCH TO FONMIN NSEKALIJE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR LIBREVILLE JUNE 22, AMBASSADORS OF THREE OF "WESTERN FIVE" (CANADA AND BRITAIN NOT REPRESENTED IN KIGALI) WERE FINALLY RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA JUNE 28. GERMAN AMBASSADOR MADE STRAIGHT PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF GROUP, READING FROM PAPER WHICH PRESIDENT OBVIOUSLY THOUGHT WAS GOING TO BE HANDED. WHEN ADVISED THAT WE WERE PROHIBITED FROM LEAVING A WRITTEN
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COMMUNICATION, HABYARIMANA, OBVIOUSLY CHAGRINED AT NOT HAVING PAID CLOSER ATTENTION, REPLIED WITH A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF GOR THINKING ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. RWANDA, HE SAID, WAS NOT AMONG COUNTRIES SEEKING VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED, BUT IT WAS CONCERNED THAT LACK OF PROGRESS WAS MERELY STRENGTHENING RADICAL POSITION. ALTHOUGH ENCOURAGED

BY APPARENT PROGRESS ON NAMIBIA, HE WONDERED WHETHER IT WAS REALISTIC TO SEPARATE THIS FROM OTHER BURNING SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES - RHODESIAN STRUGGLE AND SOUTH AFRICAN RACISM. RWANDANS WERE CONCERNED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON NAMIBIA WOULD MERELY BUY TIME FOR SOUTH AFRICANS TO BUILD UP MILITARY STRENGTH FOR ALL-OUT CONFRONTATION LATER ON.

3. U.S. AMBASSADOR ARGUED THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA IN FACT PROVED THAT NONVIOLENT PROGRESS WAS POSSIBLE IF SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEM AREAS WERE HANDLED DISCRETELY AND WITH SENSITIVITY TO LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS. ADDED WESTERN POWERS HOPED THAT SUMMIT MEETING LIBREVILLE WOULD GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO EFFORTS TO FIND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FOR NAMIBIA.

4. HABYARIMANA SAID HE WASN'T SURE HOW MUCH LEADERSHIP RWANDA COULD COMMAND AT LIBREVILLE, AS IT WAS SELDOM "POINT MAN" ON ISSUES OF THIS SORT. HOWEVER, HE WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE POSITION SYMPATHETIC TO NEGOTIATED EFFORT WHEN SUBJECT AROSE.

5. COMMENT: PRESENTATION WAS SERIOUSLY HAMPERED BY OUR INABILITY TO LEAVE AIDE-MEMOIRE WITH PRESIDENT AND BY OUR IGNORANCE REGARDING SWAPO VIEWS (ABOUT WHICH HABYARIMANA ASKED POINTEDLY). ALTHOUGH ACTING FONMIN TOOK A FEW NOTES OF PRESENTATION, IT IS UNLIKELY HABYARIMANA WILL GO TO LIBREVILLE WITH ANYTHING MORE THAN A VAGUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTION OF WHAT IT IS WESTERN FIVE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH SOUTH AFRICANS.
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